

AMENDMENTS

In Response to the Examiner's Action dated 7 August 2001 (Application No. 09/616,870), please amend the present application as follows:

In the title:

Please amend the title to: "Dressing Mechanism"

In the claims:

Claim 26 (twice amended)

A dressing mechanism comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the second section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; and a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon; and wherein the second section includes a first linear margin and a second linear margin; the first section being [integral to] integrally formed as a one piece construction with the second section at the first margin; and the third section being [integral to] integrally formed as a one piece construction with the second section at the second margin.

Claim 32 (amended)

[The] A dressing mechanism [of claim 26 wherein] comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second

section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the second section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; and a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon; and wherein the second section includes a first linear margin and a second linear margin; the first section being integral to the second section at the first margin; and the third section being integral to the second section at the second margin; and

wherein the first section and the third section are laminated materials comprising a first layer, a second intermediate layer, and a third layer; the third layer including the first side.

Claim 33 remains as once amended.

Claims 34 - 35 remain as originally presented.

Claim 36 remains as once amended.

Claims 37 – 40, inclusive, and 42 remain as originally presented.

Claim 43 remains as once amended.

Claims 44 - 45 remain as originally presented.

Claim 46 remains as once amended.

Claims 47 – 54, inclusive, remain as originally presented.

Claims 104 - 117, inclusive, remain as presented in Amendment A

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 118

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A dressing mechanism comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the second section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; and a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon; and wherein the second section includes a first linear margin and a second linear margin; the first section being integral to the second section at the first margin; and the third section being integral to the second section at the second margin; and wherein the first section and the third section are laminated materials comprising a first layer and a second layer; the second layer including the first side.

Claim 119

The dressing mechanism of claim 118 wherein the second section includes a plurality of openings.

Claim 120

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The dressing mechanism of claim 119 wherein the openings are of a predetermined size.

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Claim 121

The dressing mechanism of claim 119 wherein the openings are of a predetermined shape.

Claim 122

The dressing mechanism of claim of claim 121 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

Claim 123

The dressing mechanism of claim 118 wherein the second section includes a first margin and a second margin; the first section being integral to the second section at the first margin; and the third section being integral to the second section at the second margin.

Claim 124

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The dressing mechanism of claim 118 wherein the first section and the third section are laminated materials comprising a first layer, a second intermediate layer, and a third layer; the third layer including the first side.